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WITH

REPORTS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1908.



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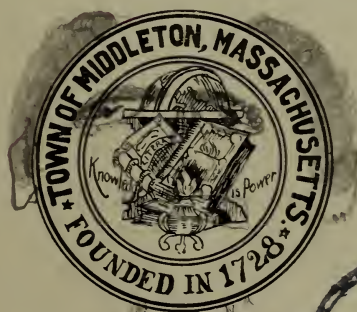
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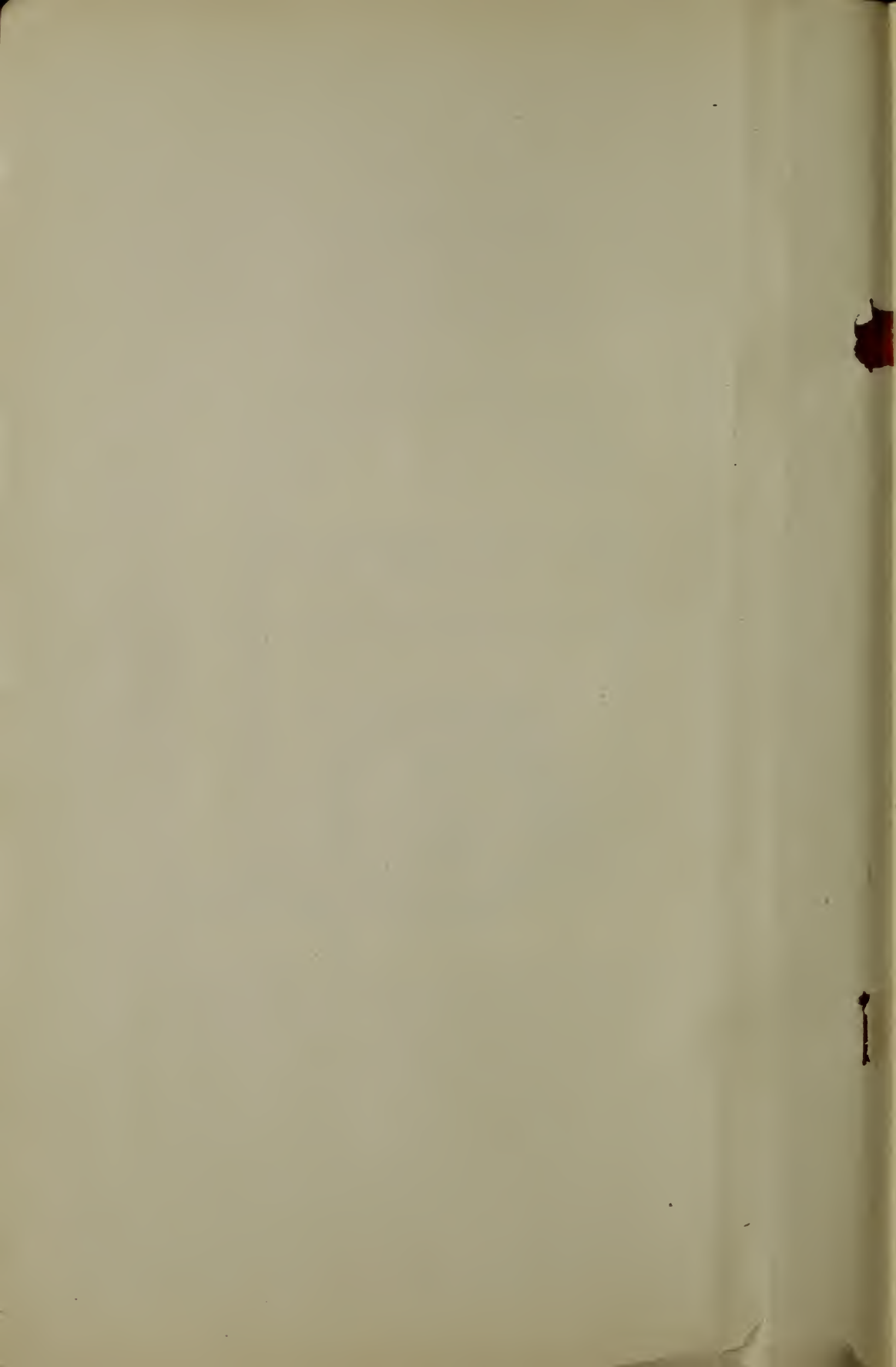


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SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation.	\$1500 00
State School Fund,	995 63
Received from Dog Tax,	185 71
Received from State for Superintendent's pay,	250 00
Received from State for Tuition and transportation of State Ward children,	184 00
Unexpended balance due the Schools last year,	824 85
Appropriation for School Physician	10 00
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	\$3950 19
Moses Peabody, transporting school children,	\$832 00
C. Alice Manning, teaching Centre Grammar School,	474 20
Nellie C. Howe, teaching Primary School,	473 00
Nellie L. Quinnell, teaching third and fourth grades, nineteen weeks,	163 00
Nellie L. Quinnell, teaching fifth and sixth grades, eighteen weeks,	189 00

Bertha D. Barton, teaching Intermediate School, nineteen weeks,	\$182 00
Hazel E. Weston, teaching third and fourth grades,	149 40
Annie J. Howe, substituting,	7 20
George F. Smith, teaching music,	75 00
Goldie London, teaching drawing,	48 00
Andrew S. Thomson, services as superintendent of schools,	310 00
Augustus Shepard, services as janitor,	44 30
George Ogden, services as janitor,	6 40
Ira W. Kitchen, services as janitor,	225 87
Danvers Water Board, water,	30 00
Town of North Reading, transporting children from So. Middleton,	57 00
Oscar Sheldon, coal,	211 25
Laura E. Peabody, taking School Census,	5 00
Darius W. Case, services as janitor,	2 00
Prince T. Woods, school physician,	10 00
M. E. Tyler, team for taking school census,	2 50
D. W. Case on transportation,	1 00
W. H. Marshall, work on new cesspool,	40 25
W. P. Early, lumber and labor on floor,	79 00
Herbert O. Hatch, repairing furnace,	43 10
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	\$3660 47
Balance unexpended	289 72
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\$3950 19

High School Department.

Amount received from State,	\$835 00
Town of Danvers, tuition of High School scholars,	835 00

School Books and Supplies.

Town appropriation,	\$250 00	
Received for book destroyed,	35	
		\$250 35
Amount overdrawn, 1906-07,	\$84 10	
Ginn & Co.	36 28	
Edward E. Babb & Co.,	173 04	
Essex Book bindery,	5 50	
	\$298 92	
Overdrawn,	48 57	
		\$250 35

School Incidental Department.

Town Appropriation,	\$125 00	
Unexpended 1906-07,	33 80	
		\$158 80
Augustus Shepard, repairing black-boards, etc.,	\$6 00	
Prince T. Woods, postage stationery,	6 96	
Prince T. Woods, time and expense out of town,	3 50	

D. W. Case, cedar posts,	\$4 00
D. W. Case, car fare and time to Wenham.	1 50
D. W. Case, cleaning cess pool, etc.,	6 58
A. McArthur & Co., table for school room,	6 00
Eastern Drug Co., 5 gals. of Pyro carbol,	3 75
Salem Evening News, advertisement,	1 88
Leland J. Ross, doormats, coal hods, etc.,	13 31
W. H. Kehew, clock for school room,	3 25
Caskin & O'Connell, repairing and plumbing,	8 82
Alice Milberry, washing,	2 22
Calvin Lumber Co., lumber,	14 22
H. M. Tyler, setting glass,	1 75
W. P. Early, carpentering,	15 32
M. E. Tyler, horse and carriage for D. W. Case,	1 50
Ira W. Kitchen, cleaning school house,	26 20
Pitman Brown & Co., oil for school house floor,	6 40
M. E. Tyler, labor, glass, etc.,	8 42
Oscar Sheldon, hauling lumber, clean- ing cesspool,	16 40
Oscar Sheldon, cleaning cesspool,	18 00
T. A. Curtis, repairing water tank,	50
Ansel P. Tyler, cash paid for express, etc.,	3 65
Oscar Sheldon, express,	1 35

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

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H. A. Wilkins, supplies,	\$6 97	
Barry Printing Co., reports,	10 80	
	<u>\$199 25</u>	
Amount overdrawn,	40 45	
	<u></u>	\$158 80

Special Appropriation.

PURCHASE OF LAND FOR SCHOOL HOUSE
YARD EXTENSION.

Town appropriation,	\$250 00
George A. Currier,	<u>250 00</u>

Special Appropriation.

BUILDING SCHOOL YARD FENCE.

Town appropriation,	\$200 00	
M. E. Tyler, cash for lumber,	<u>6 25</u>	
		\$206 25
Hiram L. Towne, lumber and posts,	\$127 50	
J. F. Bly, surveying,	5 00	
W. W. Richardson, labor,	42 10	
Calvin Putnam Lumber Co.,	<u>29 61</u>	
	\$204 21	
Unexpended,	<u>2 04</u>	
		\$206 25

Special Appropriation.

FOR NOTES ON HEATING PLANT AND WATER
SUPPLY FOR SCHOOL HOUSE.

Town appropriation	\$335 00	
Unexpended 1906-7	37	
		<hr/> \$335 37
Arthur B. Chapin, payment of fifth annual note of \$200 and interest,	\$224 50	
Arthur B. Chapin, payment of seventh and last annual note and interest,	101 75	
Unexpended balance,	9 12	
		<hr/> \$335 37

CURRENT EXPENSE DEPARTMENT.

Town Officers.

Ira W. Kitchen, Auditor,	\$20 00
M. J. Emerson, services as selectman and Assessor, February 1, 1907 to March 1, 1907,	22 50
M. E. Tyler, services as Selectman and Assessor, February to March,	27 00
H. K. Richardson, services as Select- man and Assessor, February 1 to March 1, 1907,	30 00
James H. Curtis, Moderator,	11 00
Henry A. Young, Election Officer,	1 50
A. A. Wilkins, Election Officer,	1 50
D. W. Case, Election Officer,	1 50
H. K. Richardson, services as Mod- erator, April 30,	3 00
H. E. Howe, services as Assessor,	83 10
Prince T. Woods, services as School Committee,	35 00
Ansel P. Tyler, services as School Committee,	35 00
D. W. Case, School Committee,	35 00
M. E. Tyler, services as Assessor,	85 00
M. E. Tyler, services as Selectman,	50 50

M. E. Tyler, services as Registrar,	\$10 00
M. J. Emerson, services as Assessor,	75 00
M. J. Emerson, services as Registrar,	10 00
M. J. Emerson, services as Selectman,	50 00
H. K. Richardson, services as Select- man,	50 00
L. F. Atwood, superintendent of burials and returning deaths,	13 50
A. W. Peabody, Overseer,	20 00
B. T. McGlaulin, Overseer,	22 00
B. T. McGlaulin, sealer of weights and measures,	5 00
H. Erskine Howe, Overseer,	35 00
S. A. Fletcher, services Town Clerk,	10 00
S. A. Fletcher, Registrar,	10 00
S. A. Fletcher, Town Treasurer,	75 00
Oscar Cram, Constable,	35 00
Oscar Cram, Election Officer and posting Town Warrants,	16 50
S. A. Fletcher, services at elections,	6 00
S. A. Fletcher, recording births, etc.,	16 00
H. K. Richardson, services as Regis- trar,	10 00

\$910 60

Miscellaneous Expense Account.

L. F. Atwood, cleaning snow in Cemetery,	\$5 30
A. G. Huntoon, coal for Town Hall,	65 39
Frank E. Moynahan, printing ballots,	10 50

Flint Public Library, interest on Town note of \$1500 at 5 per cent,	\$75 00
Flint Public Library, interest on Town note of \$500 at 4 per cent,	20 00
Barry Printing Co., printing Town Reports and Town Warrants,	48 55
Danvers Water Board, water for Town Hall,	6 00
Hobbs & Warren, tax books, etc.,	3 45
L. G. Estey, fire at Miss Gardners, at G. B. Howe and River street,	18 06
H. Erskine Howe, time spent on old tax books,	11 25
M. J. Emerson, labor on old tax books,	31 60
M. E. Tyler, labor on tax books,	34 75
H. K. Richardson, time spent on tax books,	20 00
L. G. Estey, fighting forest fires,	24 48
A. G. Huntoon, cash paid for print- ing tax bills, envelopes, etc.,	17 46
S. A. Fletcher, cash paid for record- ing deeds,	1 15
Lilla D. Stott, abstracts of deeds,	10 45
Henry A. Young, cleaning Town Hall,	5 00
Henry A. Young, services as special police, July 4th,	5 00
Hiram L. Hutchinson, interest on Town note of \$2000 at 4 per cent,	80 00
W. W. Richardson, labor and material shingling Town Hall,	7 50

George W. Ewing, disinfecting at Moses Peabody's house, and at Guy Sheldon's,	\$ 8 00
Oscar Sheldon, fighting fires at head of pond and on Essex street,	11 75
Oscar Sheldon, cleaning vault at Town Hall,	2 00
Oscar Sheldon, fighting fire on Boston street,	2 75
H. M. Dolbeare tax table,	75
W. W. Richardson, services as special police, July 4th,	5 00
Oscar Sheldon, keys for hose house and cash paid for watchman on July 4th,	3 80
Barry Printing Co., envelopes, etc.,	2 00
J. F. Valentine, returning birth,	25
Wm. A. Berry, material and labor on flag staff,	26 82
Oscar Sheldon, services as special police, July 4th,	5 00
Oscar Sheldon, fighting fires in cem- etery, River st. and So. Main st.,	64 17
Danvers Water Board, repairing water fountain and hydrant,	9 00
H. M. Dolbeare, state aid order book,	4 25
B. T. McGlauffin, labor repairing water fountain,	1 10
Eli E. Richardson, putting man in lockup,	2 00
Everett Bryer, services as special police July 4th,	5 00

John Q. Averill, services as cattle inspector,	\$35 00
John W. Carle, damages on account of injuries to Ethel M. Carle sustained at accident at Howes station, June 18th,	100 00
Carter Ink Co., ink,	75
A. P. Tyler, interest on B. F. Emerson's fund note of \$800,	40 00
B. W. Perry, damages done to dam in drawing off water of mill pond in search of one missing, George Durkee,	25 00
Danvers Savings Bank note and interest on same,	1021 54
James H. Curtis, cleaning and repairing water fountain,	2 00
David I. Robinson, special tax on Waters River Bridge,	250 00
Oscar Sheldon, fighting fire back of Morgan farm,	9 32
Oscar Sheldon, fire near Lever place,	3 50
H. K. Richardson, cash paid for counsel about accident at Howes Station,	10 00
B. T. McGlauffin, care of street lamps,	10 00
B. T. McGlauffin, inspector of meats and provisions,	8 00
A. R. Richardson, care of two lamps on Middleton Square,	20 00
Henry A. Young, services as janitor of Town Hall,	122 65

Henry A. Young, supplies for Town Hall,	\$9 90
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, lunch for Election Officers,	3 84
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Town Hall,	25 75
H. A. Wilkins, supplies for street lamps,	9 81
M. E. Tyler, making and lettering signs for cemetery and streets,	9 25
M. E. Tyler, use of team,	17 25
M. E. Tyler, carfare, telephone, postage and express,	4 97
S. A. Fletcher, administrating oaths,	4 50
Oscar Cram, care of flag,	5 00
Oscar Cram, enforcing dog tax and services in Ryer-Chandler case,	6 00
S. A. Fletcher, carfare, postage and express,	9 45
Salem Evening News, advertising,	3 76
A. P. Tyler, Election Officer,	3 00
A. G. Huntoon, Election Officer,	3 00
Hosea W. Richardson, Election Officer,	3 00
Rufus H. Peabody, Election Officer,	6 00
A. M. Dolbeare, Assessor's canvassing books,	1 20
Ralph G. Peabody, Election Officer,	1 50
Barry Printing Co., election warrants,	3 00
John Gregory, Election Officer,	3 00
Henry F. White, Election Officer,	3 00
B. T. McGlauffin, Election Officer,	3 00

S. A. Fletcher, time and carfare to Ipswich,	\$3 00	
F. W. Giles, Election Officer,	9 00	
Sweeney, Dow & Co., for advice,	5 00	
George W. Ewing, returning births,	3 25	
Wm. A. Berry, labor, etc., on flag-staff,	5 50	
S. A. Fletcher, error in account,	2 50	
H. K. Richardson, carfare, telephone, team, etc.,	15 00	
H. K. Richardson, time and expense in trips to Boston, Salem, etc.	20 00	
M. J. Emerson, carfare, etc.,	3 12	
David I. Robinson, County Tax,	841 91	
Arthur B. Chapin, State Tax,	880 00	
		\$4239 75
Settlement of note,	\$1000 00	
County Tax,	841 91	
State Tax,	880 00	
	\$2721 91	
Actual miscellaneous expense,		\$1517 84

Soldiers' Relief Department.

Sarah P. Johnson,	\$26 00	
Lucy W. Peabody,	18 00	
A. G. Huntoon, coal for Henry Peabody,	3 65	
H. E. Howe, wood for B. F. Gould,	18 05	
		\$65 70

State Aid Department.

Catherine Danforth,	\$36 00
Benjamin F. Gould,	48 00
Alexander Murray,	48 00
Sarah P. Johnson,	48 00
John E. Jones,	48 00
Henry Peabody,	48 00
Lucy W. Peabody,	48 00
Robert Rowley,	48 00
Charlotte Rowley,	48 00
Susan A. Stewart,	48 00
Annie J. Sheldon,	48 00
Scott Wilkins,	48 00
Henry F. White,	48 00
Miriett Shepard,	36 00
Mary A. Leavitt,	36 00
Adelia H. Webber,	8 00
Warner W. Peabody,	20 00
Elmira W. Flagg,	16 00

\$728 00

Abatement of Taxes.

Jesse W. Peabody, abatement on tax book of 1903,	\$12 40
Jesse W. Peabody, abatement on tax book of 1904,	23 46
Jesse W. Peabody, abatement on tax book of 1905,	50 99
Jesse W. Peabody, abatement on tax book of 1906,	28 10

Lyman Darling, abatement on tax of	
1906,	\$5 00
John B. Putney, abatement on tax	
1907,	2 34
	<hr/> \$122 29

Current Expense Balance.

Town Officers,	\$910 60	
Miscellaneous expense,	1517 94	
Soldiers Relief,	65 70	
State Aid,	732 00	
Abatement of Taxes,	122 29	
Abatement of Taxes, last year,	227 03	
	<hr/> \$3575 56	
Unexpended,	2643 89	
	<hr/>	\$6219 45
Unexpended balance, 1907,	\$2636 44	
Town appropriation,	1000 00	
Corporation tax,	584 73	
National Bank tax,	16 43	
Street Railroad tax,	1025 75	
State for inspection of animals,	17 50	
B. T. McGlauffin, gravel,	4 50	
State aid,	652 00	
Henry Young for use of Town Hall,	141 15	
Standing grass sold on school house		
yard,	8 00	
License to American Express Co.,	1 00	
Cash for ink sold,	20	

D. W. Case for junk sold,	\$5 25
B. T. McGlauflin, gravel sold,	60
Eva T. McIntire, cemetery lot,	10 00
S. Maria Peabody, cemetery lot,	16 00
L. Maria Frame, cemetery lot,	17 00
John B. Sanford, cemetery lot,	16 00
Charles Estes, cemetery lot,	12 00
Jesse L. Peabody, cemetery lot,	16 00
Mrs. Susie E. Wilkins, cemetery lot,	17 00
Levi Curtis, cemetery lot,	17 00
Robert Peabody, gravel,	2 40
Fred W. Giles,	2 50
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	\$6219 45

Highway Department.

Town appropriation,	\$500 00
B. T. McGlauflin, received from Danvers for labor.	19 34
Unexpended balance of Excise Tax due Highway Department,	772 61
Balance due unexpended 1906,	28 36
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	\$1320 31
Ames Plow Co., tools,	\$17 73
M. B. Paige, drain pipe,	19 70
Byron Morrison, sharpening picks,	3 50
James Q. Gallagher, sharpening picks, and new gutter grate,	3 25
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies,	5 12
B. T. McGlauflin, services and team,	255 60

Charles Bagley,	\$50 10
Burton McGlauffin,	40 73
Thaddeus McGlauffin, drainpipe,	3 14
Arthur M. Peabody,	3 40
John P. Fuller,	4 97
Levi F. Harlow,	50
David L. Sheldon,	79 80
Waldo Wilkins,	71 20
John Jones,	3 71
Henry Fletcher, gravel,	2 55
Mrs. Kelly, gravel,	20 15
Fred Flint,	87 80
Scott Wilkins,	37 00
Hosea W. Richardson,	90 90
A. M. Richardson,	56 77
L. E. Collins,	51 46
Oscar Sheldon,	166 63
Daniel Fuller, gravel,	7 74
Daniel Fuller, labor,	4 97
George E. Soper,	80 84
William Berry, gravel,	3 35
J. V. Wilson, gravel,	5 90
C. O. Floyd,	1 80
B. & M. Railroad, freight,	80
Woodman Bros., gravel,	4 15
Frank Curtis,	40
John W. Curry,	50
Loring G. Estey, tools,	60
Loring G. Estey, storing R. machine,	3 00
John L. Peabody,	36 87
C. P. Stiles, gravel etc.,	32 76
John H. Morgan,	66 20

M. E. Tyler,	\$27 22	
Mary E. Curtis, gravel,	6 80	
John Q. Averill,	14 93	
W. W. Wilkins,	11 75	
Charles F. Floyd,	5 40	
J. Allen Atwood,	2 00	
William N. Brown,	5 47	
George E. Currier, gravel,	4 35	
Ralph Currier,	80	
D. W. Case,	6 80	
B. T. McGlauflin, gravel,	4 50	
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	\$1415 61	
Amount overdrawn,	95 30	
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		\$1320 31

Snow Department.

Excise Tax,	\$946 13	
Boston & Northern R.R., cash for		
labor,	25 00	
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		\$971 13
John P. Fuller,	\$18 80	
W. E. Sanford,	13 90	
Oscar Sheldon,	21 60	
B. T. McGlauflin,	19 40	
H. K. Richardson,	8 60	
George E. Soper,	12 90	
M. W. Berry,	15 40	
W. H. Maynard,	2 80	

Frank Curtis,	\$2 00
Darius W. Case,	80
W. W. Wilkins,	50
W. W. Richardson,	80
David L. Sheldon,	3 70
A. N. Richardson,	70
Fred S. Flint,	1 20
Charles W. Bagley,	5 20
George T. Margeson,	1 65
James Ryer,	2 00
J. Allen Atwood,	40
George W. Hackett,	7 50
John Jones,	7 20
H. Erskine Howe,	1 20
Hosea W. Richardson,	2 90
John Q. Averill,	3 00
E. Stimson Hutchinson,	7 50
Moses Peabody,	6 40
John L. Peabody,	2 70
H. C. Harding,	7 00
Maurice Margeson,	1 60
George Gould,	4 00
George Sweeney,	4 00
George W. Peabody,	4 00
W. E. Gould,	3 40
Arthur Curtis,	1 50
Ernest Curtis,	1 00
George Doyle,	80
Lyman Wilkins,	1 00
Burton McGlauffin,	4 90
Harley M. Tyler,	1 80
Levi F. Harlow,	3 20

George E. Currier,	\$11 60	
M. E. Tyler,	1 00	
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	\$221 55	
Unexpended balance,	749 58	
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		\$971 13

Tree Warden Department.

Balance unexpended,	\$42 43	
James Kelley, maple trees and setting,	2 00	
B. T. McGlauflin,	3 50	
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	\$5 50	
Unexpended balance,	36 93	
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		\$42 43

Bridge Department.

Town appropriation,	\$75 00	
Old plank sold,	2 79	
Unexpended balance of last year,	31 06	
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		\$108 85
B. T. McGlauflin,	\$12 97	
Burton McGlauflin,	80	
John F. Higgins,	3 89	
John L. Peabody,	3 10	
W. W. Wilkins,	1 00	
Calvin Putnam Lumber Co.,	101 84	
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	\$123 60	
Amount overdrawn,	14 75	
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		\$108 85

Sidewalk Department.

Town appropriation,	\$100 00
Amount overdrawn last year,	4 29
Fred Flint,	9 40
John H. Morgan,	1 80
Waldo Wilkins,	9 40
Hosea W. Richardson,	10 40
Burton McGlauffin,	2 60
Oscar Sheldon,	10 67
M. E. Tyler,	4 33
B. T. McGlauffin,	27 59
David L. Sheldon,	1 80
L. E. Collins,	2 60
W. P. Early, cedar posts,	1 05
John L. Peabody,	4 44
C. P. Stiles, gravel,	3 65
Daniel Fuller, gravel,	3 60
Daniel Fuller, labor,	3 80
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	\$101 42
Amount overdrawn,	1 42
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\$100 00

Special Appropriation.

SIDEWALK ON CENTRAL STREET.

Town appropriation,	\$50 00
John H. Morgan,	\$1 80
Hosea W. Richardson,	1 80
David L. Sheldon,	1 80
Burton McGlauffin,	1 80

B. T. McGlauflin,	\$3 00	
Calvin Putnam Lumber Co.,	20 46	
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	\$30 66	
Balance unexpended,	19 34	
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Special Appropriation.

HASWELL PARK ROAD.

Appropriation,		\$35 00
John L. Peabody,	\$1 80	
Waldo Wilkins	1 80	
Charles Floyd,	3 60	
John H. Morgan,	3 60	
David L. Sheldon,	1 80	
Charles W. Bagley,	1 80	
Fred S. Flint,	1 80	
B. T. McGlauflin,	5 00	
William N. Brown,	1 50	
John P. Fuller,	6 94	
Daniel Fuller,	3 30	
Daniel Fuller, gravel,	2 06	
	<hr/>	\$35 00

Special Appropriation.

TOWN HALL YARD IMPROVEMENTS.

Appropriation,	\$75 00	
Credit for labor on sidewalk,	5 60	
Gravel sold to Highway Department,	4 50	
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B. T. McGlauffin,	\$12 51	
Charles W. Bagley,	6 60	
David L. Sheldon,	6 60	
Waldo Wilkins,	3 80	
John H. Morgan,	2 80	
W. W. Wilkins,	5 15	
Fred S. Flint,	4 60	
William N. Brown,	3 18	
Thaddeus E. McGlauffin,	3 11	
Mrs. Kelley, gravel,	2 50	
George E. Soper,	4 80	
John P. Fuller,	7 45	
Oscar Sheldon,	3 67	
Ralph Currier,	60	
William Evans,	1 40	
Hosea W. Richardson,	1 80	
H. K. Richardson, manure,	1 50	
John L. Peabody,	1 80	
Daniel Fuller, loam, manure, sod and labor,	24 02	
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	\$97 89	
Overdrawn,	12 79	
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		\$85 10

Special Appropriation.

NORTH AND SOUTH MAIN STREET WATER PIPE.

Town appropriation,	\$750 00
Overdrawn last year,	\$18 89

W. H. Marshall, labor, digging trench,	\$261 49	
Danvers Water Board, pipe, lead, teaming, labor, etc.,	580 80	
	<u>\$861 18</u>	
Overdrawn,	111 18	
		\$750 00

Gipsy and Brown-tail Moths.

FISCAL YEAR FROM JANUARY 1, 1907, TO DECEMBER 1, 1907.

Taxed to Town of Middleton by State,	\$258 38	
Amount received from State,	1470 33	
Amount standing against the State,	<u>119 01</u>	
		\$1847 72

A. J. Wilkins & Co., Johnson's pump,	\$8 45
O. W. Thum Co., Tanglefoot,	16 87
Frost Insecticide Co., one cyclone nozzle,	65
W. H. Claflin & Co., burlap and jute,	154 13
Stoddard, Herrick, burlap,	33 77
Jenney Manufacturing Co., oil,	6 28
Ames Plow Co., tools,	3 15
Fitz, Dana & Co., tin, etc.	18 44
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies,	7 77
Barry Printing Co.,	6 00
Danvers Water Board, cement,	2 55

M. J. Emerson, cash paid carfare,	
time, etc.,	\$7 45
H. L. Frost,	1 20
M. J. Emerson,	225 39
Herbert Currier,	283 25
Ralph Currier,	305 25
Frank Evans,	286 75
David L. Sheldon,	142 25
Earl L. Collins,	116 00
George E. Currier,	126 62
Frank Maderson,	11 00
George Peabody,	55 50
Charles Wilkins,	6 00
M. E. Tyler,	2 50
H. K. Richardson,	4 50
Ernest Curtis,	21 00
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Town Hall Account.

DR.

Henry A. Young, janitor,	\$122 65
Danvers Water Board, water for	
Town Hall,	6 00
A. G. Huntoon, coal for Town Hall,	65 39
Henry A. Young, cleaning Town	
Hall,	5 00
Oscar Sheldon, cleaning vault,	2 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for	
Town Hall,	25 75

Henry A. Young, supplies for Town Hall,	\$9 90	
W. W. Richardson, labor and nails, shingling,	7 50	
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		\$244 19
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Cash received from I. O. R. M.,	\$35 30	
“ “ “ Cong. Society,	13 20	
“ “ “ entertainments and dances,	89 00	
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	\$137 50	
Balance against Town,	106 69	
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		\$244 19

Cemetery Department.

Town appropriation,	\$175 00	
Unexpended balance last year,	17 49	
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		\$192 49
L. F. Atwood, labor and cash paid for same,	\$157 05	
Balance unexpended,	35 44	
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		\$192 49

Cemetery Trust Fund.

L. F. Atwood, care of private lots in cemetery,	\$54 50	
Bank interest on funds deposited for care of private lots,	\$54 50	

Poor Department.

Balance unexpended last year,		\$580 54
City of Salem, hospital bill for Solomon A. Peabody,	\$72 00	
Town of Peabody, Board of Harriet Smith and medicine,	133 70	
City of Boston, aid rendered in hospital to Eugene R. Dennett,	78 57	
City of Salem, aid for Rose Peabody,	10 00	
A. G. Huntoon, coal and wood for Mrs. Chandler,	8 05	
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, goods for Mrs. Chandler,	2 78	
H. A. Wilkins and Sons, supplies for tramp house,	50	
James W. Miller, milk for Mrs. Chandler,	3 43	
B. T. McGlauffin, locking up eleven tramps,	1 10	
	<u>\$310 13</u>	
Unexpended balance,	<u>\$270 41</u>	
		\$580 54

Firemen's Department.

Town appropriation,	\$65 00
Oscar Sheldon, services and cash paid to firemen,	\$65 00

Fire Department.

Town appropriation,	\$175 00	
Unexpended balance last year,	10 95	
		\$185 95
Oscar Sheldon, cash paid for Hose carriage,	\$55 00	
J. T. Hood, painting hose carriage,	15 00	
	\$70 00	
Balance unexpended,	115 95	
		\$185 95

Memorial Department.

Town appropriation,	\$110 00	
Balance overdrawn, 1905-1906,	9 72	
L. F. Atwood, bills paid,	95 00	
	\$104 72	
Balance due department,	5 28	
		\$110 00

Liquor Law Department.

Unexpended balance,	\$110 57	
Oscar Cram,	5 00	
H. K. Richardson,	5 00	
	\$10 00	
Unexpended balance,	100 57	
		\$110 57

Tax Collector.

Town appropriation,	\$100 00	
A. G. Huntoon,	50 00	
Balance unexpended,	50 00	
		\$100 00

**Summary of Orders drawn on
Town Treasury.**

High School Tuition,	\$835 00
Schools for year ending February 1, 1908,	3660 47
School books and supplies,	214 82
Incidental school expenses,	199 25
Notes on water supply and interest,	101 75
Notes on heating plant and interest,	224 50
Town officers,	910 60
Miscellaneous expense,	1517 90
Note paid,	1000 00
County Tax,	841 91
State Tax,	880 00
Soldier's Relief,	65 70
Abatement of Taxes,	122 29
Highway Department,	1415 61
Snow Department,	221 55
Tree Warden,	5 50
Bridge Department,	123 60
Sidewalk Department,	97 13
Special appropriation, sidewalk on Central street,	30 66

Special, Haswell Park,	\$35 00
Special, Town Hall yard,	87 79
Special, North and South Main streets, water pipe, etc.,	842 29
Cemetery Department,	157 05
Cemetery Trust Fund,	54 50
Fire Department,	70 00
Firemen,	65 00
Memorial Day Department,	110 00
Poor Department,	310 13
Gipsy and Brown Tail Moths,	2020 14
Liquor Law Department,	10 00
Tax Collector,	50 00
School house land purchase,	250 00
School yard fence,	204 21
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	\$16,734 35

Tax Collector's Report.

A. G. Huntoon, Tax Collector in account with Town of Middleton :

Balance tax list, 1903,	\$117 30
Tax collected,	19 05
Interest collected,	4 03
February 1, 1908, uncollected,	<hr/> \$98 25
Balance tax list, 1904,	\$304 44
Tax collected,	67 76
Interest collected,	9 65
February 1, 1908, uncollected,	<hr/> \$236 68
Balance tax list, 1905,	\$869 59
Tax collected,	283 89
Interest collected,	28 76
February 1, 1908, uncollected,	<hr/> \$585 70

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

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Balance tax list, 1906,	\$3291 98
Tax collected,	2122 99
Interest collected,	56 44
February 1, 1908, uncollected,	<u>\$1168 99</u>
Tax list 1907, including excise tax,	\$7898 24
Tax collected, including excise tax,	4370 59
Interest collected,	1 69
February 1, 1908, uncollected,	<u>\$3527 65</u>

John M. Peabody, Tax Collector in account with Town of
Middleton :

February 1, 1908, balance tax list, 1898,	\$51 44
February 1, 1908, " " " 1899,	61 61
February 1, 1908, " " " 1900,	77 22
February 1, 1908, " " " 1901,	51 57
February 1, 1908, " " " 1902,	68 51
	<u>\$410 35</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Samuel A. Fletcher, Treasurer, in account with Trust funds
for care of Cemetery Lots.

	Lot No.	Original Fund.	Bal. Last Year.	Interest added.	Amt. with- drawn.	Bal. on Account.
Atwood, L. Frank	360	\$100.00	\$107.18	\$4.32		\$111.50
Berry, Allen,	112	75.00	76.50	3.08	3.00	76.58
Eaton, I. Larkin	168	75.00	76.09	3.06	3.00	76.15
Fowler, Alonzo	12	100.00	102.12	4.12	3.00	103.24
Fuller, Sophronia	236	200.00	240.30	9.70	6.50	243.50
Gifford, William	180	100.00	106.50	4.28	3.50	107.28
Graves D. Augustine	234	100.00	100.00	4.04	3.00	101.04
Hutchinson, Caroline A.	253	100.00				100.00
McIntire, Abram S.	132	75.00	76.09	3.06	3.00	76.15
McIntire, Annie M.	338	100.00	110.84	4.46	4.00	111.30
Peabody, S. Maria	584	100.00		1.00		101.00
Peabody, Samuel M.	204	100.00		1.00		101.00
Peabody, William M.		100.00				100.00
Phelps, William A.	148	100.00	102.12	4.12	3.00	103.24
Pike, Sarah I.		125.00				125.00
Richardson, Lucy G.	80	100.00	102.14	4.12	3.00	103.26
Russell, Persis B.	430	200.00	220.00	8.88	5.50	223.74
Stiles, David		150.00	154.62	6.22	3.00	157.84
Stiles, Farnham	10	100.00				100.00
Thomas, H. Amelia	64	75.00	76.09	3.06	3.00	76.15
Wellman, John R.	40	200.00	223.38	9.00	5.00	227.38
Weston, Samuel W.	36	200.00	248.58	10.02		258.60
Wilkins, Henry A.	254	100.00	102.12	4.12	3.00	103.24

Samuel A. Fletcher, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Middleton, for the year ending February 1, 1908.

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Balance in Treasury, February 1, 1907,	\$2644 02
Received from State Treasurer, for	
Gipsy Moth suppression,	421 48
State for Gipsy Moth suppression,	87 99
" " " " "	73 76
" " " " "	592 88
" " " " "	715 70
" " Corporation Tax,	566 76
" " Tuition of State Children,	184 00
" " Inspection of Animals,	17 50
" " Corporation Tax,	17 97
" " National Bank Tax,	16 43
" " State Aid,	652 00
" " Street Railway Tax,	1025 75
" " High School Tuition,	835 00
" " Income Mass. School Fund,	997 49
Essex County Treasurer, Dog Tax refunded,	185 71
First District Court,	37 15
Boston & Northern R. R.,	25 00
Town of Danvers, labor on road,	19 34
Danvers Savings Bank, on note,	1000 00
Danvers Savings Bank, on note,	1500 00
George K. Knowlton, for salary of Superintendent of Schools,	250 00

B. T. McGlauflin, for old plank sold,	\$2 79
B. T. McGlauflin, for gravel sold,	5 10
Robert Peabody, for gravel,	2 40
Fred W. Giles, for labor on trees,	2 50
Maurice E. Tyler, for lumber,	6 25
H. K. Richardson, for grass on school house lot,	8 00
Henry A. Young, for use of Town Hall,	141 15
Danvers National Bank, for interest,	18 08
School Committee, for school book destroyed,	35
G. A. Pfeiffer, American Express license,	1 00
L. Frank Atwood, Memorial Day unexpended balance,	15 00
Darius W. Case, junk sold,	5 25
Savings Bank interest for care of cemetery lots,	54 50
Eva G. McIntire, for cemetery lot number 548,	10 00
S. Maria Peabody, for cemetery lot number 584,	16 00
L. Maria Frame, for cemetery lot number 516,	17 00
John B. Sanford, for cemetery lot number 580,	16 00
Charles Estes, for cemetery lot number 502,	12 00
Levi Curtis, for cemetery lot,	17 00

Susan E. Wilkins, for cemetery lot number 596,	\$17. 00
Jesse L. Peabody, for cemetery lot number 582,	16 00
Estate of A. A. Averill, for endow- ment of W. Morrill Peabody lot,	100 00
Mrs. S. Maria Peabody, for endow- ment lot of Samuel M. Peabody,	100 00
Mrs. S. Maria Peabody, for endow- ment, lot number 584,	100 00
Estate of Farnham Stiles, for endowment lot number 10,	100 00
Estate of Mrs. Caroline A. Hutchin- son, endowment of cemetery lot number 253,	100 00
Mrs. Sarah I. Pike,	125 00
Ink sold,	20
Jesse W. Peabody, Collector of Taxes,	528 94
Estate of Jesse W. Peabody,	405 27
Town Treasurer, temporary Tax Collector,	75 11
A. G. Huntoon, Tax Collector,	6833 26
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	\$20,717 08

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Paid on Selectmen's orders,	\$16,734 35
Paid on Sate Aid orders,	728 00
Deposited in Savings Bank, endow- ment of six cemetery lots,	625 00
To cash paid for remainder of Goodale land,	17 07

Cash returned from sale of land of Dolly M. Esty,	\$85 05
Cash remaining from sale of other land sold in 1906,	34 34
Balance remaining in Treasury Feb- 1, 1908,	2493 27
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	\$20,717 08

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, *Treasurer.*

Assessors' Valuation of Property.

Real estate,	\$603,009 00
Personal estate,	154,961 00
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	\$757,970 00
Number of polls, 247,	494 00
Rate of taxation, \$8.50 per \$1000,	
Tax on real estate,	5125 57
Tax on personal estate,	1317 17
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	\$6936 74
Amount assessed for current expenses,	\$1000 00
Schools,	1500 00
School books and supplies,	250 00
Incidental school expenses,	125 00
Highway,	500 00
Bridges,	75 00
Sidewalks,	100 00
Sidewalk on Central street,	50 00
Cemetery,	175 00

Notes on School heating and water	
pipe,	\$335 00
Fire department,	175 00
Firemen,	65 00
Memorial Day,	110 00
Gipsy and brown tail moths,	258 38
Water pipe, North and South Main	
streets,	750 00
Collecting taxes,	100 00
Lawn in front of Town Hall,	75 00
Haswell Park,	35 00
School Physician,	10 00
School-house land purchase,	250 00
State tax,	880 00
County tax,	841 91
Overlay,	226 45
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	\$7936 74

Financial Condition of the Town.

LIABILITIES.

Amount of notes against the town,	
Hiram L. Hutchinson, at 4 per	
cent,	\$2000 00
Flint Book Fund, at 5 per cent,	1500 00
Flint Book Fund, at 4 per cent,	500 00
B. F. Emerson Fund, at 5 per	
cent,	800 00

Heating Plant notes at $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent,	\$500 00	
Danvers Savings Bank note,	1500 00	
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	\$6800 00	
Balance in favor of Town,	2508 89	
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		\$9308 89

ASSETS.

Balance in Treasury.	\$2493 27	
Due from State aid,	728 00	
Due from North Andover,	60 00	
Uncollected taxes, 1898,	51 44	
" " 1899,	61 61	
" " 1900,	77 22	
" " 1901,	51 57	
" " 1902,	168 51	
" " 1903,	98 25	
" " 1904,	236 68	
" " 1905,	585 70	
" " 1906,	1168 99	
" " 1907,	3527 65	
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		\$9308 89

Schedule of Town Property.

Library building,	\$10,000 00
Library land,	1000 00
Flint Public Library,	3800 00
Town Hall,	4000 00
School Houses,	6800 00

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY.

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Lock-up,	\$300 00	
Fire apparatus and hose house,	1150 00	
Road machine and tools,	150 00	
Moth ladders and tools,	50 00	
School books in use,	300 00	
B. F. Emerson's Fund,	10,235 88	
Charles L. Flint, book fund,	5000 00	
Cemetery,	1300 00	
Hearse and hearse house,	600 00	
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		\$44,685.88

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

MIDDLETON, Feb. 17, 1908.

I have examined the Books and Accounts of the Town Officers and all bills and vouchers on which moneys have been paid from the treasury of the Town and find the same to be correct.

EDWIN E. CURRIER, *Auditor.*

FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Librarian's Report.

Books in Library February 1, 1907,	6189
Books added by purchase,	103
Books added by gift of U. S. Government,	6
Books added by gift of N. E. Historical Society,	12
Books added by gift of Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	19
Book added by gift of James J. H. Gregory,	1
Book added by gift of Farnham Stiles,	1
Book added by gift of Prince T. Woods, M. D.,	1
Books in the Library February 1, 1908,	6332

Pamphlets.

Pamphlets in the Library February 1, 1907,	712
Pamphlets received from U. S. Government,	59
Pamphlets received from Massachusetts, Secretary of	10
Pamphlets received from Prince T. Woods, M. D.	6
Pamphlet received from Louisiana State University,	1
Pamphlet received from Towle Manufacturing Company,	1
Pamphlet received from Mrs. William A. Russell,	1
Pamphlet received from Flower Mem. Library, Watertown, N. Y.	1
Pamphlet received from Public Library, Syracuse, N. Y.,	1
Pamphlet received from Free Library, Newton, Mass.,	1
Pamphlet received from Public Library, Salem,	1

Pamphlet received from Fall River Public Library,	1
Pamphlet received from Abbott Public Library, Marblehead,	1
Pamphlet received from Peabody Institute, Danvers,	1
Pamphlet received from Peabody Museum, Salem,	1
Pamphlet received from Essex Company,	1
Pamphlets in the Library, February 1, 1908,	799
 New names added to the list of patrons of Library,	 96
Circulation of books for year ending February 1, 1908,	5821
Largest circulation in any one month, August, 1907,	654
Smallest circulation in any one month, October, 1907,	400
Number of books replaced,	5
Number of days the Library has been open,	126
Number of visitors registered for year ending February 1, 1908, 191	

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, *Librarian.*

Middleton, February 1, 1908.

Trustee's Report.

M. E. TYLER, *Treasurer.*

In account with Flint Public Library.

Flint Book Fund.

Amount of Charles L. Flint Fund,	\$5000 00
Notes against Town of Middleton,	\$2000 00
Deposited in banks,	3000 00
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	\$5000 00
 Cash in hands of Treasurer, February 1, 1907,	 \$62 76
Received from A. P. Tyler, from B. F. Emmerson, fund,	407 00

Received from S. A. Fletcher, interest on Town notes,	95 00	
Received from A. M. Richardson, for grass,	6 00	
Received from Danvers Savings Bank,	50 00	
Received from Salem Savings Bank,	50 00	
Received from S. A. Fletcher, for fines collected and cards,	8 52	
		\$679 28

Amount of Bills Paid from Flint Fund.

Charles E. Lauriat Co., books,	\$106 42	
Essex Antiquarian,	2 50	
Topsfield Historical Society,	92	
E. B. Hall & Co., books,	29 00	
Library Bureau, book,	3 00	
William H. Guild Co.,	47 55	
		\$189 39

Amount of Bills Paid from Emerson Fund.

H. A. Wilkins, supplies,	\$2 08	
Samuel A. Fletcher, services as Librarian,	222 00	
S. A. Fletcher, cash paid for express, postage, etc.,	8 06	
Walworth Manufacturing Co., gasoline and repairs on lights,	31 56	
Danvers Water Board,	10 75	

L. F. Atwood, care of Emmerson lot in cemetery,	\$3 00	
A. R. Richardson, care of Library grounds,	31 80	
A. G. Huntoon, coal,	68 25	
Hanscom Hardware Co., lawn mower and hose,	9 50	
M. E. Tyler, teaming gasoline and cash paid for freight, postage, etc.,	2 63	
		<hr/> \$389 63
		\$579 02
Cash on hand,		100 26
		<hr/> \$679 28
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	\$100 26	
Unexpended balance in bank,	305 92	
		<hr/> \$406 18

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER,
 GALEN B. HOWE,
 RALPH G. PEABODY,
 MAURICE E. TYLER,
 MILTON J. EMERSON,
 A. W. PEABODY,
Trustees.

Trustees' Report.

The trustees of the B. F. Emerson fund (\$10,000)
submit their nineteenth annual report:

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

Atchinson R. R. preferred stock, \$2178 00

Atchinson R. R. general mortgage	
bonds,	2000 00
N. Y. Central R. R. bonds,	1000 00
Buffalo and Susquehanna R. R. bonds,	1000 00
Western Telephone and Telegraph	
bonds,	1000 00
Town of Middleton, note	800 00
Salem Savings Bank,	630 95
Andover Savings Bank,	746 58
Danvers Saving Bank,	912 69
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	\$10,268 22

INCOME ACCOUNT.

Interest on Atchinson stock,	\$165 00
" " Atchinson bonds,	80 00
" " B. and S. bonds,	45 00
" " N. Y. Central bonds,	80 00
" " Western Telephone and	
Telegraph bonds,	50 00
" " Town note,	40 00
" " Salem Savings Bank book,	24 46
" " Andover Savings Bank	
book, two years,	56 80
" " Danvers Savings Bank	
book,	35 42
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	\$576 68

ANSEL P. TYLER,
 SAMUEL A. FLETCHER,
 MILTON J. EMERSON,
 MAURICE E. TYLER,
 H. HERBERT WILKINS,
Trustees.

Estimates for Next Year.

The finance committee recommend the following sums be raised to pay the expenses of the Town for the ensuing year:

Current expenses,	\$1200 00
Schools,	1500 00
School books and supplies,	250 00
School incidentals,	100 00
Storm porch on school house door,	60 00
Ventilation,	75 00
Medical examiner for schools,	10 00
Grading school yard,	25 00
Highway department,	800 00
Bridge department,	50 00
Sidewalks,	100 00
Cemetery,	175 00
Notes on school heating,	215 00
Fire department,	100 00
Firemen,	65 00

Also 25 cents per hour while on duty

Memorial day,	100 00
Gypsy and brown tail moths,	303 19
South Main street, water pipe,	300 00
North Main street, water pipe,	200 00
Hydrant near Gregory farm on Maple street,	35 00
Poor department,	100 00

TOWN MEETING WARRANT.

*Middleton ss. To Oscar Cram, Constable for the
Town of Middleton, in the County of Essex.*

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Middleton qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town, on

Monday, the Second day of March, next,

at six o'clock A. M., for the following purposes, viz:

To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting and all other meetings to be held under this warrant.

To choose by ballot the following town officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Assessors, one for three years, one for two years, one for one year, one Overseer of the Poor for three years, one School Committee for three years, Highway Surveyor for one year, two trustees of Flint Public Library, for three years, Constable for

one year, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Auditor, three Fence Viewers, Tree Warden, Superintendent of Burials, and Janitor for Town Hall.

Also on the same ballot to give in their votes, "Yes" or "No" in answer to the following question: Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?

The Polls will be opened at six o'clock A. M. and may be closed at 2.30 P. M.

You are hereby required to notify and warn said qualified inhabitants to meet subsequently, at the Town Hall on Wednesday, March 4, 1908 at 7.30 o'clock P. M. for the following purposes, viz.:

ART. 1. To choose such other town officers as are required to be chosen annually.

ART. 2. To see how much money the town will raise to defray town charges the ensuing year and determine how the same shall be appropriated.

ART. 3. To see if the town will vote to extend the water pipe on South Main street and also to see what the town will do about laying pipe on North Main street.

ART. 4. To see what action the Town will take in regard to enforcing the liquor law.

ART. 5. To see how much money the Town will raise for the observance of Memorial day.

ART. 6. To see what action the Town will take in regard to discount and interest on taxes.

ART. 7. To see what action the Town will take in regard to letting the Town Hall.

ART. 8. To see what action the Town will take concerning the cemetery.

ART. 9. To see what measures the Town will adopt for the removal of snow from the sidewalks.

ART. 10. To see what action the Town will take in regard to putting a Hydrant near the Gregory farm on Maple street.

ART. 11. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for medical examiner for school children according to law.

ART. 12. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, under the direction of the selectmen, to hire such sums of money as may be necessary to meet current expenses in anticipation of taxes of the present year and payable therefrom.

ART. 13. To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which Town Treasurer when appointed may use.

ART. 14. To see if the town will purchase the land now owned by A. P. Tyler adjoining the pond on Lake Street. Also if purchased to see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for said purchase and improvements on the same.

ART. 15. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for removing obstructions in the

Ipswich river which causes inconvenience to people canoeing.

ART. 16. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to whiten the ceiling and clean and paint the inside walls of the Town Hall, and also to put an additional window in the roof to ventilate and light the Selectmen's room.

ART. 17. To see what action the town will take in regard to discontinuing the blowing of the Danvers Pumping Station whistle for school and fire signals.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall and one at Centre Post Office and one at the Post Office in South Middleton in said Town seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of said meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 19th day of February, A. D. 1908.

M. J. EMERSON,

H. K. RICHARDSON,

M. E. TYLER,

Selectmen of Middleton.



ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AND
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
OF THE
TOWN OF MIDDLETON
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
FEBRUARY 1, 1908



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Report of the School Committee.

*To the Citizens of Middleton and the Secretary of the State
Board of Education :*

The School Committee organized for the year 1907-1908 :
Darius W. Case, Chairman ; Ansel P. Tyler, Purchasing
Agent ; Dr. Prince T. Woods, Secretary.

Referring to the report of the Superintendent of Schools
in the following pages will be found a more detailed review
of the school work for the year and recommendations for the
future. For the sake of brevity these details will not be
repeated here, except certain recommendations which we
desire to emphasize.

The past school year has been a very busy one for the
Committee. Early in the spring term through a most regret-
table and fatal accident, our school janitor, Mr. Augustus
Shepard, lost his life, leaving a vacancy that was difficult to
fill. The services of Mr. Ira W. Kitchin were secured for
the position of janitor and truant officer, and he has filled this
position in a manner entirely acceptable to the Committee.
The school building has undergone a thorough renovation
from cellar to garret, with the result that the school is now
in a comparatively good sanitary condition.

It is to be regretted that the sanitaries or toilet rooms
are located in the cellar of the building directly under a
school room. These toilet rooms are not properly ventilated

and the School Physician has called our attention to the matter, with the recommendation that galvanized iron ventilating flues should be extended from these toilet rooms to the roof. Owing to the location of these sanitariums and the fact that the school room above had only an old floor in which cracks opened through into the cellar, we found it necessary to put in a new and tight floor in the room above, which is occupied by the third and fourth grade.

Constant filling of the cesspool connected with the sanitariums, necessitating frequent cleaning to avoid water backing into the cellar of the school house, resulted in a careful investigation of the situation. We found that the greater portion of the old cesspool was well above the intake pipe, so much so that the greater part of it was not available for holding sewage, and owing to the extremely wet season the fluids would not drain away. Careful consideration of the matter indicated that the best course would be to build an overflow cesspool on the new land obtained for enlargement of the school yard. This was done with as little delay as possible at a comparatively low cost considering the quality of the work, with the result that we now have a system of sewage at the school house that should not require frequent cleaning out.

In overhauling the heating apparatus it was found necessary to make considerable repairs upon the furnaces, supplying new grates, etc. As no special appropriations were made for the new floor, overflow cesspool, and repairs on heating apparatus, we drew upon the general school fund for this purpose, there being an ample sum at our disposal.

The new school yard secured by special town meeting has proved of great value to the children, and the teachers, with the assistance of the janitor, have thereby been enabled

to keep the children off of the street at playtime during school sessions.

We have at the present time an excellent corps of teachers and we hope that we may be able to retain them permanently in their present positions.

By referring to Superintendent Thomson's report you will find a recommendation for storm porches on the school house. We believe that there should be storm porches at both the boys' and girls' entrances, and that there should also be double windows on the more exposed parts of the building where they can be consistently used without interference with good ventilation. This would insure warm halls and a saving of coal. At the present time with no protection for the outer doors the lower rooms of the school building are seriously chilled each time the children file in and out. A sum of sixty dollars ought to be sufficient to put on suitable porches and the necessary number of double windows. The galvanized iron ventilating flues recommended for the sanitariums, including topping the flues with the most modern force draft equipment, we believe could be supplied at a cost not to exceed seventy-five dollars, and it would be money well spent.

A number of citizens who send children to High School have earnestly requested us to see what can be done in the matter of the town furnishing transportation for High School children. Other towns sending their children out of town to High School provide the necessary car fare, and we believe that Middleton for the best welfare of our children should furnish transportation for High School children, and so encourage them in obtaining a better education.

In some departments the appropriations for last year were not sufficient for the needs of the Committee. We have

endeavored to do our best for the interest of the town and the schools with the means at our disposal, and we trust that our recommendations will be met in the same generous spirit which has always characterized the citizens of Middleton.

In closing we wish to thank you for your cordial support and to express to the teachers and School Superintendent our appreciation of their earnest efforts. We believe that our schools will compare very favorably with the best in the Commonwealth.

Respectfully submitted,

MIDDLETON SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

DARIUS W. CASE, *Chairman.*

ANSEL P. TYLER, *Purchasing Agent.*

DR. PRINCE T. WOODS, *Secretary.*

Report of the Superintendent of Schools.

To the School Committee:

GENTLEMEN :

I herewith submit my third annual report as Superintendent of Schools of the town of Middleton. It is to be borne in mind that the school statistics cover the school year which ended last June, while the summary of school work includes the work from last March up to date.

A class of nine graduated last June from the Grammar School, eight of whom entered Danvers High School. The town has now twenty-one pupils in the High School. The tuition of these pupils is entirely paid by the Commonwealth as long as the valuation of the town stays below \$750,000; as soon as the valuation exceeds that amount the town must pay one-half such tuition. We note with pleasure an improvement in the course of study in the Danvers High School.

TRANSPORTATION OF HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS.

The best asset a town can possess is intelligent, well educated citizens. The town should offer every inducement to raise its standard of citizenship. It is to the

advantage of the community that its young people go to High School. There are some parents, doubtless, who feel the added expense of transportation to such an extent that they are deterred from sending their children throughout the course. It is almost a universal rule in Massachusetts towns which send their pupils to High School in other towns to pay for the transportation of pupils. Middleton would do well to follow this example. A sum of about \$250 should be added to the school funds for the ensuing year to defray the expense of the transportation of High School pupils.

One of the most severe criticisms of our modern graded schools is the inflexibility of the graded system. Groups of children move through the grades together, the brilliant with the slow, permitting very little opportunity of change of pace. Some large school systems try to avoid the evils of this close graded plan by giving quarterly or semi-annual promotions. These means are not available by us, as our rooms already have two or more grades in each room. The only rule we can follow is to put a pupil into the grade wherein he can get the most good and will not prove a draw back to the remainder of the class.

It is often necessary to require a pupil to repeat the work of a certain grade and, on the other hand, we are glad to say that we have found during the last year several pupils who would be much better placed in a higher grade. Such pupils have been given a double promotion and some of them are now leading the advanced grade. It would have been a serious mistake to keep these pupils marking time in the lower grades. If they get into the High School younger than the average pupil, a five years' course will give them a better preparation for college. A five years'

course is required by some high schools and is offered in most of them.

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

Everyone has realized the increased cost of living during the past few years. The mechanic has felt this; has demanded a larger wage and has obtained the advance. Teachers' salaries have advanced, but have not kept pace with rate of increased living expense. Board and clothing are both more costly. The demands upon a teacher's time and purse have increased. If a teacher is to keep up to date with educational movements she must attend lectures, take magazines, buy books and travel. In order to get well qualified teachers your committee have found it necessary to make advances in their teachers' salaries.

The work of the schools has been very satisfactory, the spirit is good, the children are happy and seem to enjoy school. It is a great pleasure to work among children who are so anxious to learn and who display such a fine attitude toward their teachers.

IMPROVEMENTS.

The room occupied by the second primary has been greatly improved by a new floor. The larger school yard has proved a great benefit to the children. It keeps them out of the road and the danger of automobiles. During the fall some organized games were learned and enjoyed by both girls and boys. It is hoped that this work may be extended, as it is of great value, both mentally and physically, to the participant.

The halls of the school building should be kept warm, as children are constantly passing through them without

extra wraps. It is a difficult problem with a single door at each outside entrance. A remedy is to put storm houses at the outside doors.

Our school yard becomes very muddy at times which makes the school floors untidy. A few loads of gravel would make a great improvement.

MUSIC AND DRAWING.

The report of the drawing and music teachers may be found in the following pages. The schools of Middleton are excelled by few other towns in their ability to read and sing music.

CHANGE OF TEACHERS.

During the summer Miss Bertha Barton secured a position in the Danvers High School and resigned from the Middleton lower grammar. Miss Quennell was given this school and Miss Hazel Weston, a graduate of Salem Normal was secured for the second primary.

In closing I wish to thank the teachers for their loyalty and faithfulness in the performance of every duty connected with their school work, and the Committee for their friendly attitude and kind support.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW S. THOMSON,

Superintendent of Schools.

Report of Drawing Teacher.

MR. A. S. THOMSON,

Superintendent of Schools:

DEAR SIR:

It gives me pleasure to say that I have found the children in your schools very enthusiastic over drawing. They take hold of the work with much readiness and responsiveness and with the assistance I am now giving them I trust we shall build a strong foundation.

Naturally we do not expect to make artists of all our children, but we should like to give them the power to represent, with a fair amount of truth, what they see, and to be able to use drawing freely in other subjects as a means of expressing themselves.

As a child leaves the nursery his faculties must be developed, he must be taught to form habits, his memory must be strengthened and his imagination must be kept alive by such things that interest him. Drawing in its many phases, helps to develop these.

Rules and principles are not of such supreme importance, as are sharp eyes and the ready pencil or brush with which to record our observation. Our aim therefore, in the limited time given us, will be to strive for beauty in form and proportion not only in the representation of objects, but in the planning and carrying out of every bit of work we do.

However, in view of the fact that each room contains two or three grades, I have had to simplify the work in order to make it possible for the lower grades in the room to understand the problem at hand. In the interval between my visits I leave one, two or three lessons, planned for each teacher to give, according to the grades she has and the time she can devote to the subject.

I wish to thank the teachers for their kind assistance, and hope that our combined efforts may prove successful.

Respectfully submitted,

GOLDIE LONDON,

Drawing Teacher.

Report of Music Teacher.

MR. A. S. THOMSON,

Superintendent of Schools.

DEAR SIR:

I am pleased to say that we are progressing finely with our music. Miss Howe's room has only the chart with which to work in music, and Miss Weston's school has completed the course of the Primer, and therefore has no material with which to carry forward the work. I would suggest that you purchase the second reader of the "New Educational Music Course," published by Ginn & Co., for Miss Weston's room and give the Primer to Miss Howe's classes. This change is much needed.

We are making good progress in the study of music. The teachers have done excellent work and are becoming more proficient and appreciative in this line of study.

I would also suggest that some graduation music be purchased for Miss Manning's class.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE F. SMITH,

Supervisor of Music.

School Calendar.

1908-1909.

- March 27. All schools close for Spring vacation.
 April 6. All schools open for Spring term.
 June 26. All schools close for Summer vacation.
 September 8. All schools open for Fall term.
 November 25. All schools close for Thanksgiving.
 Twelve weeks in term.
 November 30. All schools open for Winter term.
 December 18. All schools close for Christmas.
 December 28. All schools open.
 March 26. All schools close for Spring vacation.
 Sixteen weeks in term.
 April 5. All schools open for Spring term.
 June 18. All schools close.

School Census of September, 1907.

Number of children in town between 5 and 15 years old.

Boys,	101	
Girls,	84	
Total,		185

Number of children between 7 and 14 years old.

Boys,	80	
Girls,	67	
Total,		147

EAR AND EYE TEST.

Whole number examined,	124
Number defective eyesight,	12
Number defective hearing,	4
Number of notices sent to parents,	9

Roll of Honor.

Number indicate term pupils have not been absent.
 Stars indicate pupils have not been tardy. •

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

*Mildred Campbell, 3	Warren A. Gregory, 2
*Florence E. Fuller, 2	Ralph A. Richardson, 1
*Myrtle D. Kenney, 2	Johnnie E. Willey, 2
*Ruby M. Stone, 2	*Elmer W. Berry, 1
Edgar S. Gregory, 2	Lillian B. Collins, 1

LOWER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

*William Campbell, 3	Roger Esty, 1
*Frank Johnson, 2	Albert Sheldon, 2
George Rennard, 1	Clarence Speed, 2
*Mary Bent, 1	Justina Curtis, 1
Madeline Brown, 1	*George Merrill, 1
*Elmer Campbell, 2	*Myra Wilkins, 1
	*Melville Merrill, 1

UPPER PRIMARY SCHOOL.

*Florence U. Durkee, 1	Samuel D. Johnson, 1
M. Gertrude Gould, 1	*Harry E. Margeson, 3
*M. Beatrice Lavell, 2	*Bert Smith, 3
*Myrtle E. Peabody, 2	*Paul Young, 1
*H. Maude Bent, 3	Minnie M. Bryer, 1
*E. Lloyd Hatch, 1	Gertrude F. Hood, 1
*Ruby A. Richardson, 2	*Milton E. Collins, 1
	*Fred A. Merrill, 1

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

*Isabel P. Durkee, 1	*Leon N. Soper, 3
*Marguerite G. Kelley, 2	*A. Bernard Bent, 2
*Porter G. Durkee, 2	*Gladys Currier, 1
Guy E. Evans, 2	*Cecelia E. Kelley, 1
Arthur P. Gould, 2	*Mary L. Whitney, 1
*John A. Murphy, 2	Lawrence S. Collins, 1
*Frank L. Currier, 1	Alfred H. Kitchin, 1
*Fred L. Currier, 1	*Carl E. Margeson

Middleton Grammar School Graduation Exercises, 1907.

March,	GERTRUDE AND DOROTHY GORDON
"Norse Lullaby"	
"Daffodils"	CHORUS
Prayer,	REV. ELLIOTT MOSES
Essay, "The Salem Witchcraft"	MILDRED W. CAMPBELL
"The Nantucket Skipper"	DELLA M. PEABODY
"The Spacious Firmament"	CHORUS

Essay, "June"	MYRTLE L. KENNEY
"The Spy's Escape"	WARREN A. GREGORY
"The Moonlight Boat-Ride"	CHORUS
"The Old Man and Jim"	RUBY M. STONE
Essay, "Jamestown and the Exposition"	GEORGE W. ROBERTS
"Old Folks at Home"	CHORUS
"The Black Horse and His Rider"	JOHNNIE E. WILLEY
Class Prophecy,	FLORENCE E. FULLER
Presentation of Diplomas,	MR. DARIUS W. CASE,
	Chairman of the School Committee
"Sailing"	CHORUS

GRADUATES.

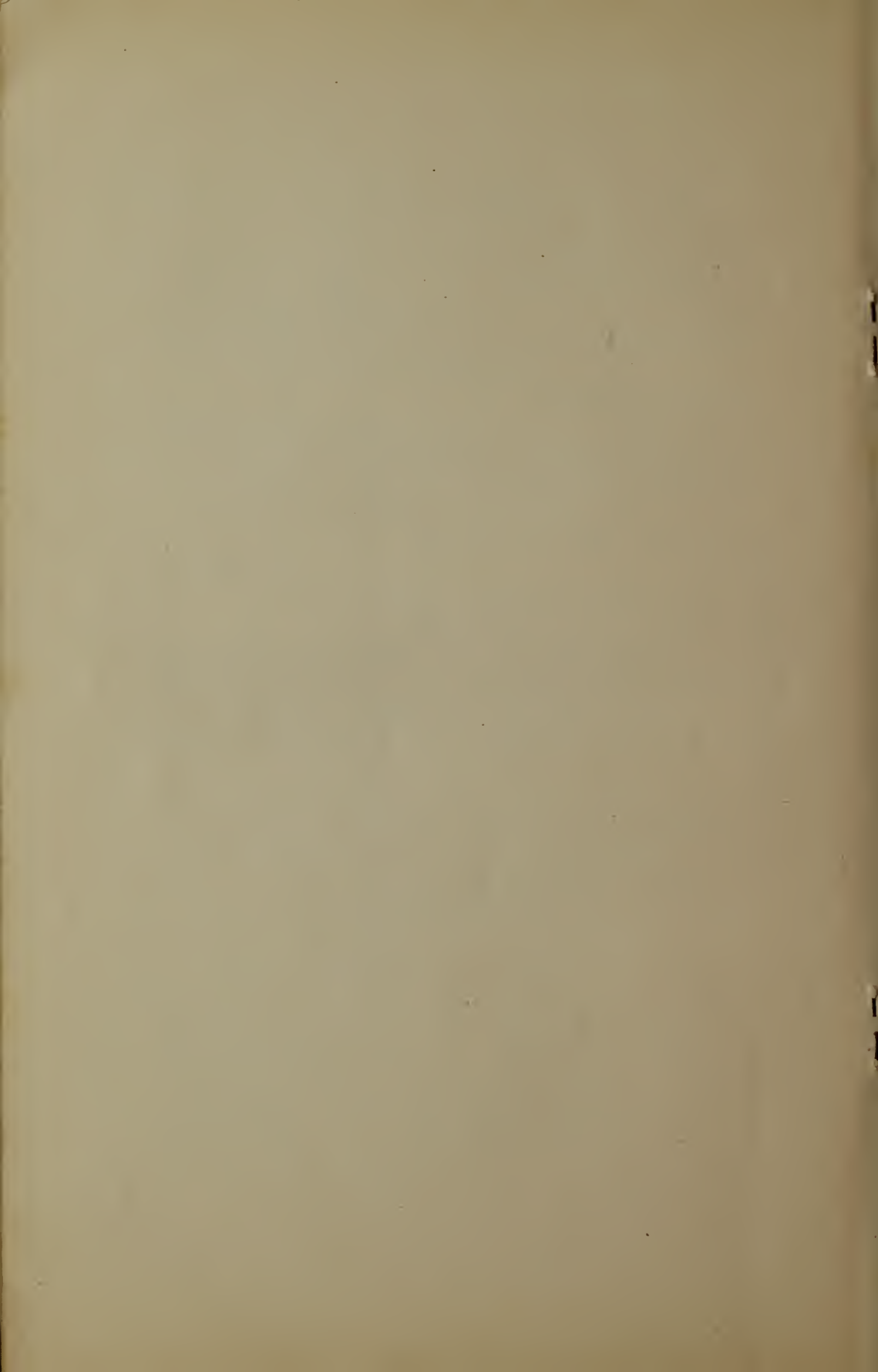
Mildred Ward Campbell,	Della May Peabody,
Florence Edna Fuller,	George Whiting Roberts,
Warren Albertus Gregory,	Ruby May Stone,
Myrtle Olive Kenney,	Johnnie Edward Willey.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

ATTENDANCE FOR 1906-1907. NAMES.	Months and Days.	Number Enrolled.	Boys.	Girls.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per cent of Attendance.	Number between ages of 5 and 15	Number between ages of 7 and 14	Number over 15	Number under 5
Center Grammar	9-10	35	21	14	29	27	93	32	26	3	0
Center Lower Grammar	9-10	40	24	16	35	33	93	40	37	0	0
Upper Primary	9-10	41	19	22	35	32	90	41	41	0	0
Primary	9-10	50	25	25	42	38	90	49	17	0	1
Total	38-0	166	89	77	141	130	91.5	122	121	3	1

TEACHERS, SCHOOLS, SALARIES, ETC., SEPTEMBER, 1907.

TEACHERS.	SCHOOL.	GRADES.	SALARY.	WHERE EDUCATED.
Nellie C. Howe	Primary	I-II	\$13.00 per week	Salem Normal
C. Alice Manning	Grammar	VII-VIII-IX	13.00 "	Somerville High
Nellie Quennell	Lower Grammar	V-VI	10.50 "	Salem Normal
Hazel E. Weston	Upper Primary	III-IV	9.00 "	Salem Normal





For Reference

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